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DEPT PASS TREASURY

FOR SECRETARY SIMON FROM AMBASSADOR RIVERO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, SP

SUBJ: COUNTERVAILING DUTY

REF: A) STATE 110378; B) MADRID 3196

1. I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ACCOMMODATION OF MY REQUEST REGARDING COUNTERVAILING DUTIES. WE HAVE INFORMED THE SPANISH ACCORDINGLY, MAKING CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS NO COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO SPAIN CONCERNING WITHHOLDING THIS DECISION UNTIL AFTER SPANISH SUBMISSION AT THE POLICY LEVEL. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE GOS SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING THEIR POLICY-LEVEL TEAM TO WASHINGTON BEFORE JUNE 12 IF THEY STILL WANTED TO MAKE THAT SORT OF PRESEN-
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TATION ON THE COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ISSUE. THEY NOW

REALIZE THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE NO FURTHER INDICATION, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, AS TO THE TREASURY FINDINGS BEFORE THE POSSIBLE PUBLICATION OF A HEARING NOTICE. TO DATE, THERE HAS BEEN NO DEFINITE REACTION RECEIVED FROM THE GOS SINCE ALL OF THE PRINCIPAL POLICY MAKERS HAVE BEEN ABSENT IN PARIS FOR THE OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING. WE SHALL REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

2. I FULLY APPRCIATE THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS WHICH TREASURY MUST MEET AS WELL AS THE DOMESTIC US CONCERNS WHICH RESTRICT TREASURY'S FREEDOM FOR MANEUVER. I TRUST YOU UNDERSTAND THAT MY CONCERN WITH THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN SOELY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH OUR GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO AFFORD THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL CONSULTATION TO THE GOS AS THE USG HAS AGREED. I HAD NO INTENTION TO SUGGEST THAT TREASURY REFRAIN FROM EXECUTING ITS STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS BUT ONLY THAT IT PROCEED IN A MANNER WHICH ALSO ALLOWS THE USG TO MEET ITS UNDERTAKINGS TO THE GOS. I THINK THAT OUR OVERALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN WELL SERVED BY YOUR ACTION TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR PROMISE OF CONSULTATION.

RIVERO

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